

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Ninth Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Ninth Middlesex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (801) of these admissions reside in the Ninth Middlesex Representative District. 3% (24) of admissions from the Ninth Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Ninth Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% were male and 27% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 77% were white non-Latino, 8% were black non-Latino, 10% were Latino, and 5% were other racial categories.
- 65% were never married, 14% were married, and 21% reported not to be married now.
- 28% had less than high school education, 48% completed high school, and 24% had more than high school education.
- 31% were employed.
- 21% were homeless.
- 25% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Ninth Middlesex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	56%	28%	7%	3%	2%
State	45%	36%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, including the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Ninth Middlesex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	941	836	269	283	171	176	130
FY '96	891	777	292	283	174	458	119
FY '97	963	867	270	276	164	184	139
FY '98	845	728	222	224	106	191	148
FY '99	819	698	190	196	109	238	187
FY '00	822	683	213	174	100	216	169
FY '01	762	627	217	173	91	168	124
FY '02	801	631	228	148	71	260	201